

(4) A maximum of 5 hours of instruction in a flight simulator or flight training device representing a gyroplane may be credited toward the total hours required by paragraph (d)(1) of this section if the instruction is accomplished in an approved course conducted by a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter.

(e) An applicant who does not meet the night flying requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) or paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section will be issued a private pilot certificate bearing the limitation "night flying prohibited."

(f) The limitation required by paragraph (e) of this section may be removed if the holder of the certificate demonstrates compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) or paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section, as applicable.

(g) Except where fewer hours are approved by the Administrator, an applicant for a private pilot certificate with a rotorcraft category rating who has satisfactorily completed an approved private pilot course conducted by a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter need have only a total of at least 35 hours of pilot flight time in aircraft, flight simulators, or flight training devices.

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§ 61.115 Glider rating: Aeronautical experience.

An applicant for a private pilot certificate with a glider rating must have logged at least one of the following:

(a) Seventy solo glider flights, including 20 flights during which 360° turns were made.

(b) Seven hours of solo flight in gliders, including 35 glider flights launched by ground tows, or 20 glider flights launched by aero tows.

(c) Forty hours of flight time in gliders and single-engine airplanes, including 10 solo glider flights during which 360° turns were made.

§ 61.117 Lighter-than-air rating: Aeronautical experience.

An applicant for a private pilot certificate with a lighter-than-air category rating must have at least the aeronautical experience prescribed in

paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, appropriate to the rating sought.

(a) *Airships.* A total of 50 hours of flight time as pilot with at least 25 hours in airships, which must include 5 hours of solo flight time in airships, or time performing the functions of pilot in command of an airship for which more than one pilot is required.

(b) *Free balloons.* (1) If a gas balloon or a hot air balloon with an airborne heater is used, a total of 10 hours in free balloons with at least six flights under the supervision of a person holding a commercial pilot certificate with a free balloon rating. These flights must include—

(i) Two flights, each of at least 1 hour's duration, if a gas balloon is used, or of 30 minutes' duration, if a hot air balloon with an airborne heater is used;

(ii) One ascent under control to 5,000 feet above the point of takeoff, if a gas balloon is used, or 3,000 feet above the point of takeoff, if a hot air balloon with an airborne heater is used; and

(iii) One solo flight in a free balloon.

(2) If a hot air balloon without an airborne heater is used, six flights in a free balloon under the supervision of a commercial balloon pilot, including at least one solo flight.

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§ 61.118 Private pilot privileges and limitations: Pilot in command.

Except as provided in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, a private pilot may not act as pilot in command of an aircraft that is carrying passengers or property for compensation or hire; nor may he, for compensation or hire, act as pilot in command of an aircraft.

(a) A private pilot may, for compensation or hire, act as pilot in command of an aircraft in connection with any business or employment if the flight is only incidental to that business or employment and the aircraft does not carry passengers or property for compensation or hire.

(b) A private pilot may share the operating expenses of a flight with his passengers.